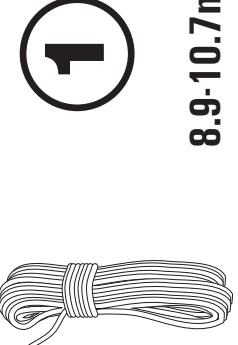


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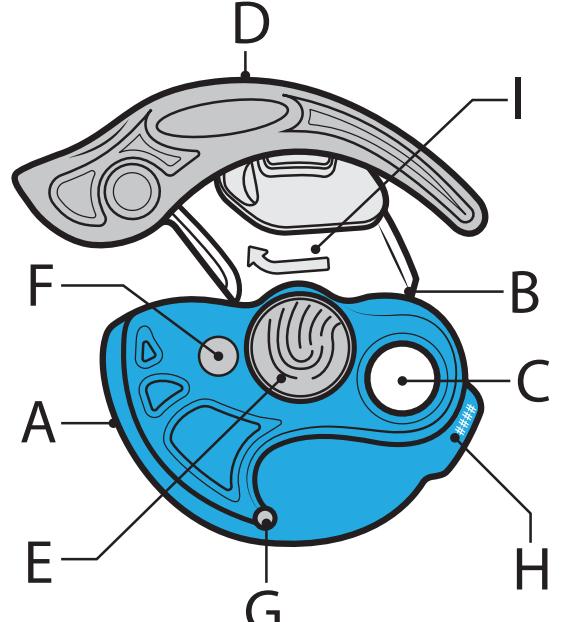
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Video instructions  
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CE 0321 SATRA Technology  
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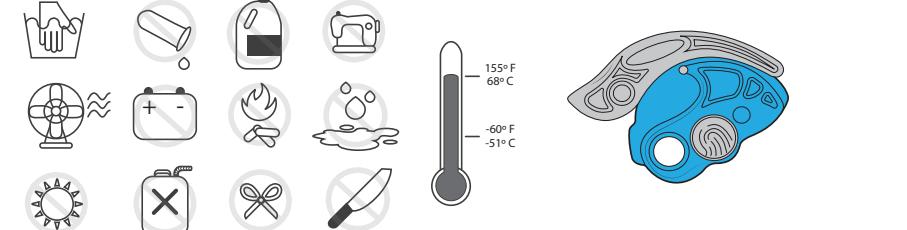
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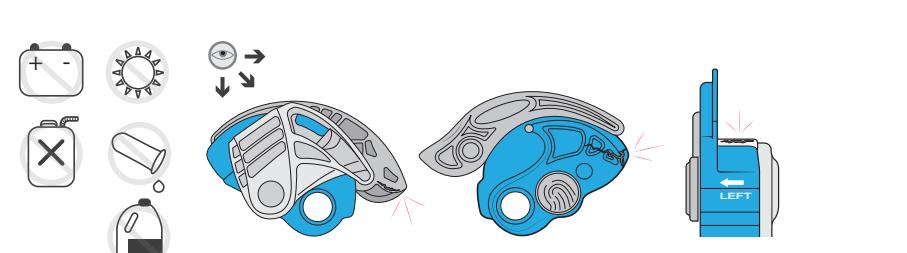
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## Loading

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Figure 1

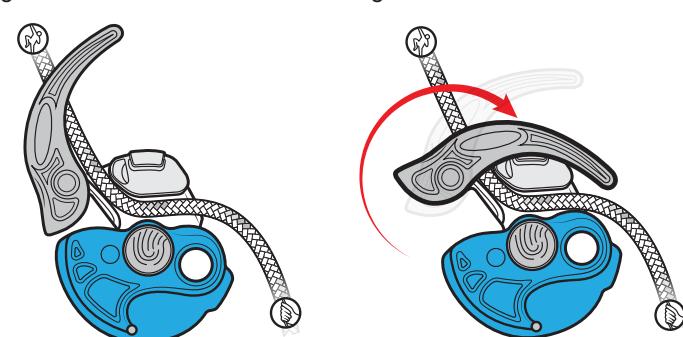


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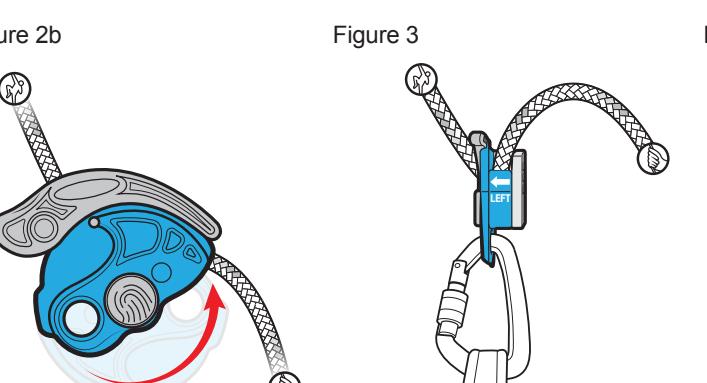


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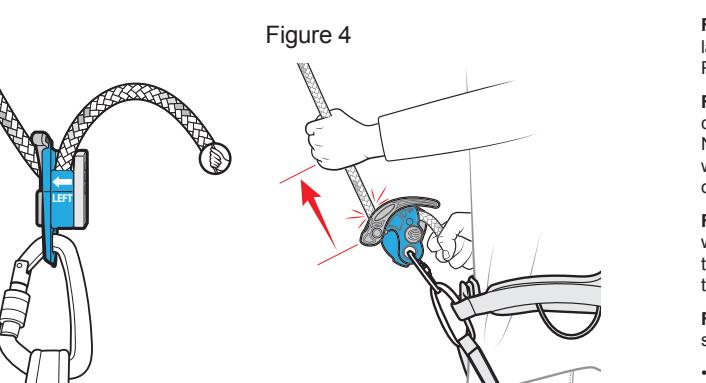
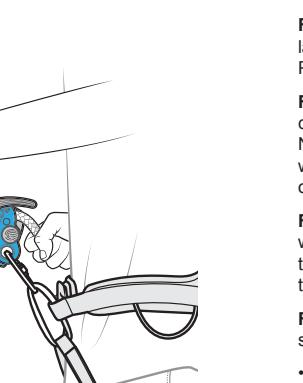


Figure 4



## Belaying

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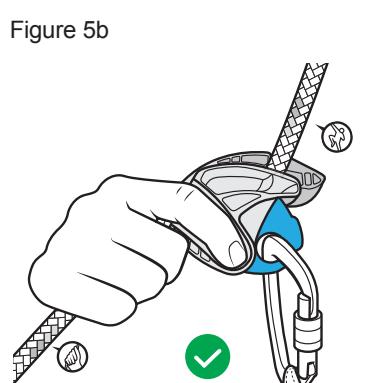


Figure 5b



## BELAYING WITH THE VERGO

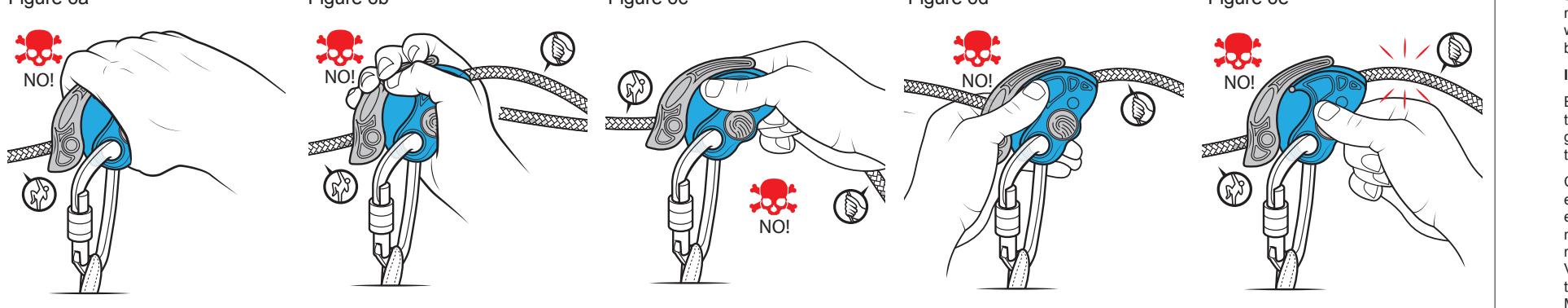


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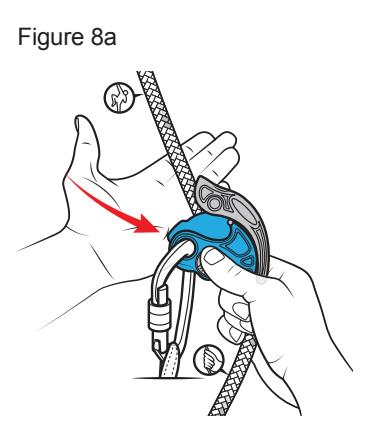


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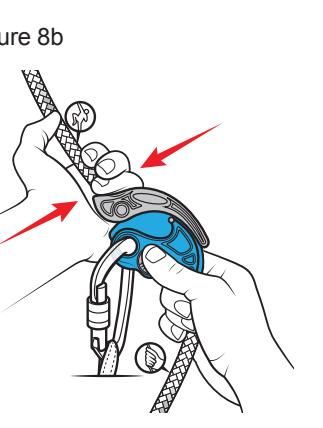


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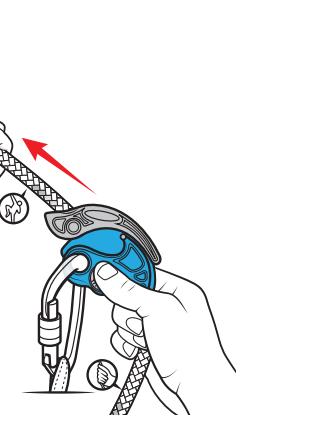


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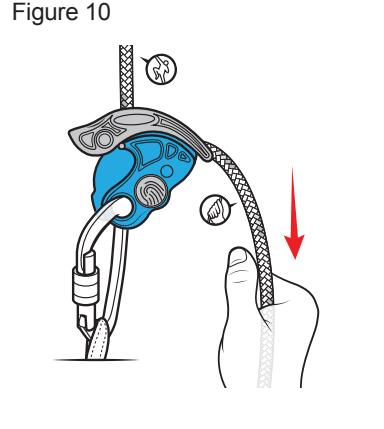
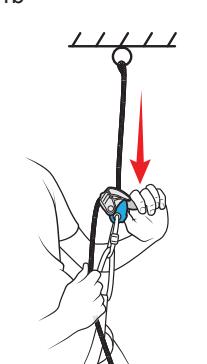
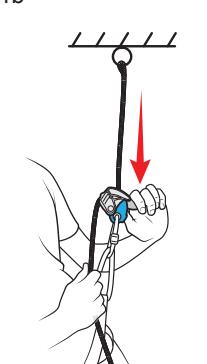
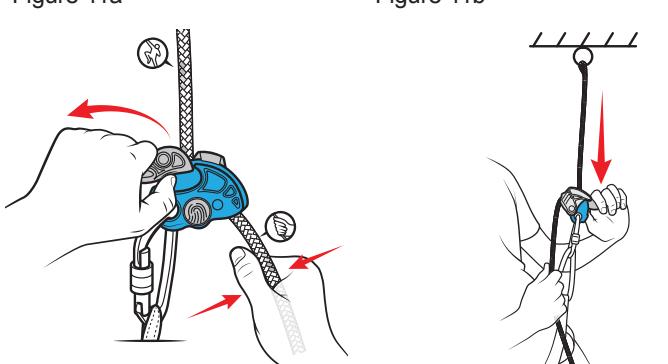


Figure 10



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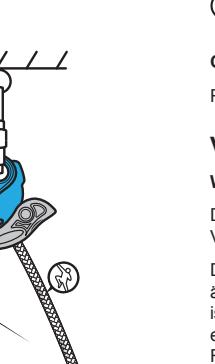
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## Belaying from a secure anchor

Von einer fest installierten Abseilstelle aus sichern | Aseguramiento desde un anclaje seguro | Rappel à partir d'un point d'ancrage sûr | Assicurarsi a un punto di ancoraggio sicuro | と固定アンカーカーからのビレイ

Figure 12



## VERGO INSTRUCTIONS

## WARNING!

It is the user's responsibility to read and fully understand these instructions and illustrations before using the VERGO.

The VERGO belay device is designed for rock climbing use only. Climbing is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injury or death. The VERGO is intended for use only by competent and responsible climbers who know how to belay properly. THESE INSTRUCTIONS DO NOT AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO TEACH YOU HOW TO CLIMB, BELAY, OR DESCEND. Competence and a thorough knowledge of climbing, belaying, and descending techniques are required before using the VERGO.

Proper training is essential before using the VERGO. BE SURE TO READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND DRAWINGS. PRACTICE AND MASTER THE PROPER TECHNIQUES FOR USING THE VERGO IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE LIMITATIONS AND CAPABILITIES OF THE VERGO BEFORE USING THE VERGO TO BELAY A PARTNER.

YOU ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR USING THE VERGO CORRECTLY.

FAILURE TO PROPERLY USE THIS PRODUCT MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. BY PURCHASING AND USING THIS PRODUCT, YOU, THE USER, PERSONALLY ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO YOURSELF AND/OR OTHERS ARISING OUT OF YOUR USE OF THE PRODUCT.

Minors, and any other persons who are not legally able to assume this responsibility and/or assume the risks of using this product and engage in climbing activities, must only use this product under the supervision of a competent and experienced adult.

Please check the Trango website frequently for videos, updates and new safety information about this product. [www.trango.com](http://www.trango.com).

## IMPORTANT:

The VERGO is an assisted-braking belay device that requires training, constant monitoring and careful control to operate safely. IT IS NOT an automatic belay or brake. NEVER remove your hand from the brake side of the rope and carefully control the brake side of the rope at all times. NEVER use the VERGO for rope soloing or self-belaying.

VERGO PERFORMANCE CAN BE AFFECTED BY:

- Rope diameter,
- Rope condition and surface treatment,
- Dirty, wet or icy conditions.

**Warning:** Braking effectiveness of the VERGO may be reduced when used with a brand new rope or a wet or icy rope. Commercially stated rope diameters have a tolerance of approximately +/- 0.2 mm. Rope diameters and other characteristics may vary with use. Familiarize yourself with the braking effect of the VERGO on each rope that you use.

## TERMINOLOGY OF VERGO PARTS:

A. Front Plate | B. Rear Plate | C. Carabiner Hole | D. Lowering Handle | E. Thumb Pad | F. Friction Pin | G. Cam Pin | H. Lot Number | I. Rope Channel

## COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER EQUIPMENT

It is your responsibility to make sure that you use the VERGO properly and with other compatible products. The VERGO is designed for use ONLY with dynamic ropes from 8.9mm to 10.7mm that are certified by the UIAA and/or CE EN 892. Always choose CE certified climbing equipment for use with this product and use all such equipment and this product as described in each product's manufacturer's instructions.

## LOADING THE VERGO

Figure 1: Open the VERGO and load the rope as shown.

Figure 2a-b: Close the VERGO as shown.

Figure 3: Clip a locking carabiner through the Carabiner Hole and through the brake loop of your harness and lock the carabiner. Always attach the VERGO in the orientation shown in Fig. 3.

Figure 4: IMPORTANT! Before every belay and descent, you must conduct a performance and a visual test to be sure the VERGO is loaded correctly. Pull sharply on the rope coming out of the VERGO and going to the climber or the descent anchor. If the ROPE DOES NOT BRAKE WITH A SHARP PULL THE VERGO IS LOADED INCORRECTLY. DO NOT CLIMB, BELAY, OR DESCEND! RELOAD THE ROPE INTO THE VERGO PROPERLY. FAILURE TO PERFORM THIS TEST MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

At minimum, before each climb, the belayer and climber should check each other to make sure that: (1) climber and belayer have correctly put on and secured their harnesses, (2) they are both properly tied in the rope, (3) the rope is correctly loaded into the VERGO, (4) the VERGO is correctly attached to the belayer, (5) the rope is long enough for the climb, and (6) either the belayer is tied into the end of the rope or the end of the rope is tied into a knot that cannot slide through the VERGO.

## BELAYING WITH THE VERGO

Figure 5a-b: Hold the VERGO with your right hand as shown (Fig. 5a). Your index finger should lay in the finger groove on the Back Plates (Fig. 5b) and your thumb should sit on the Thum Pad. Your remaining three fingers should wrap around the brake side of the rope.

Figure 6a-e: IMPORTANT: Your right hand should not touch the Front Plate in any way that could hold the device open by preventing the Front and/or Rear Plates from moving freely. Do NOT override the assisted-braking mechanism to feed slack quickly. DO NOT grip the VERGO with your entire hand. Do not take your hand off the brake strand of the rope. Some examples of incorrect usage are shown in figures 6a-e, but this set of examples is not exhaustive.

Figure 7: Giving slack to climber: Feed rope to the climber horizontally with left hand, while ALWAYS keeping your right hand on the brake side of the rope. You may choose to feed the rope out vertically, but doing so is more awkward and more likely to cause the VERGO to engage the rope unintentionally and "short rope" the climber.

Figure 8a-b: If the VERGO brakes the rope unintentionally while feeding slack to the climber ("short roping"), use your left hand to:

- Place edge of palm against edge of Front Plate as shown.
- Place fingers around the rope going to the climber.
- Close your hand's grip, moving the rope toward palm, which will release the rope engagement.
- Release giving slack as described in Figure 7.

Practice this technique until you can perform it flawlessly— it is commonly used and it never requires you to override the assisted-braking mechanism.

**IMPORTANT:** THE VERGO WILL NOT ENGAGE OR BRAKE THE ROPE IF THE VERGO IS HELD OPEN OR DISENGAGED BY THE BELAYER. NEVER REMOVE YOUR BRAKE-HAND FROM BRAKE SIDE OF THE ROPE.

Figure 9: Taking in slack: Pull rope through the VERGO with the brake side of the rope. NEVER remove your hand from brake side of the rope.

Figure 10: Arresting a fall: If the climber falls, slide your right hand off the device, and keep a grip on the brake side of the rope.

## LOWERING/DESCENDING LOWERING/DESCENDING A SINGLE FIXED ROPE

Figure 11a-b: To lower the climber or descend, gradually pull down the Lowering Handle with your left hand as shown (Fig. 11a). Firmly hold the brake side of rope with the right hand, and DO NOT remove your hand from the brake side of the rope while lowering or descending. Rest your thumb on the rear handle and firmly feed the rope through the VERGO. Lower slowly and steadily, and measured manner. DO NOT LOWER OR DESCEND QUICKLY because doing so can cause dangerous heat build-up, accelerated wear on the VERGO and the rope, increased likelihood of loss of control, and serious injury or death. The VERGO is designed for use with single ropes only and may only be used to descend on a single strand of fixed rope (Fig. 11b). The VERGO is designed for loads of a single person and personal equipment. It is NOT designed for use with heavy loads.

**IMPORTANT:** IMPROPER LOWERING AND DESCENDING TECHNIQUES CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE VERGO, THE ROPE, AND SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

## BELAYING FROM A SECURE ANCHOR WITH THE VERGO

Figure 12: Belaying a follower from a secure anchor: Inspect and ensure that the anchor is secure and capable of safely handling the weight and forces of climbers and all possible loads in all possible directions. Load the VERGO as described in Figures 1-3. Clip locking carabiner into the anchor. Take in slack as the climber advances. NEVER belay a lead climber with the VERGO attached directly to an anchor. IMPORTANT: The movement of the VERGO components, especially its Front and Back Plates, must not be restricted in any way by object, including but not limited to: the cliff face, rock, or any other obstructions, or the assisted-braking mechanism may not function properly, WHICH MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

## INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Before each use closely inspect the VERGO for any sign of damage or wear, including but not limited to wear and tear, cracks, corrosion; deformities; visible damage, foreign objects, including dirt, grit, mud, etc.; restricted freedom of movement; and proper function of release lever spring. Verify that all VERGO parts are moving smoothly and that the device is clean and working properly.

Clean the VERGO after use in dirty, wet, muddy, or icy conditions. Thoroughly dry the VERGO after each use before storing. Always store the VERGO in a dry place away from the elements. Always avoid exposure to strong sunlight. Avoid exposing the VERGO to extreme temperatures, which include not limited to: chemicals, acids, solvents, gasoline, batteries, antifreeze, caustic materials, and similar materials), and any other conditions, materials and/or agents that could damage the VERGO. If your VERGO becomes dirty, wash it with a clean and wet cloth with no detergents or other chemicals. Allow the VERGO to air-dry in an open area, avoiding direct sunlight. DO NOT modify or repair the VERGO. Modifying or repairing the VERGO can result in serious injury or death and voids the Limited Warranty.

NEVER use a damaged or visibly worn VERGO. Retire the VERGO immediately if you notice any visible wear or tear, cracks, corrosion; deformities; visible damage, foreign objects, including dirt, grit, mud, etc.; restricted freedom of movement; or proper function of release lever spring.

**IMPORTANT:** Wear on the Friction Pin decreases the ability of the assisted-braking mechanism to work properly. This effect is made worse when using dirty, dry, or new ropes. Using a worn VERGO may result in serious injury or death so it is critical to always inspect your VERGO before each use and to retire your VERGO when its performance is affected or inspection discloses any issues. You are solely responsible for knowing the history of your VERGO for its full lifetime and for deciding when to retire the VERGO.

The maximum lifespan of the VERGO is 10 years. The VERGO should be retired after 10 years even if there does not appear to be any visible damage or wear. The minimum life of the VERGO depends upon the frequency and intensity of use, the number of falls caught, the care given, the conditions in which it is used, and other similar factors. An unusual occurrence could require the VERGO to be retired after a single use. If in doubt, retire the VERGO.

## LIMITED WARRANTY

The VERGO is covered by a 2 year limited warranty from the original date of purchase for the original owner. This limited warranty only covers defects in materials and manufacturing. DAMAGE THAT IS DUE TO NORMAL USE AND WEAR, INCORRECT STORAGE, POOR MAINTENANCE, ABUSE, ACCIDENTS, NEGLIGENCE, OR INCORRECT OR IMPROPER USAGE IS NOT COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY. PRODUCTS THAT HAVE BEEN MODIFIED OR OTHERWISE ALTERED ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS LIMITED WARRANTY. Except as otherwise specified above, TRANGO MAKES NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR ANY WARRANTY AS TO THE DESIGN CONDITION OR QUALITY OF MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP TO THE PURCHASER OF THE VERGO OR ANY OTHER PERSON WHATSOEVER.

Any improper use of the VERGO voids the VERGO limited warranty.

## DISCLAIMER

WARNING! BY USING THIS PRODUCT, YOU ACCEPT ALL RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY, DAMAGE OR DEATH THAT MAY RESULT. To the greatest extent allowed by law, Trango disclaims all liability for all consequence, damage, injury, and death that arises out of or relates to, directly or indirectly, your use of the VERGO.

## MARKINGS

Vergo Model

Thumb Here: Indicates where to place right hand thumb

TRANGO: Manufacturer

####: Batch number

EN 15151-1: The standard this device has been tested to

8.9-10.7mm: approved rope diameters for use in the VERGO

CE 0321: The certifying body responsible for testing

LEFT: Indicates correct orientation as described in Fig. 4

Read Instructions!

Inspect: Reminder to inspect the Friction Pin

Climber's rope side

Brake Hand rope side

## CONTACT

Refer to [www.trango.com](http://www.trango.com) with questions or to find additional information.

## VERGO ANLEITUNG

## WARNING!!

Der Benutzer ist verpflichtet, diese Anleitung vor dem Gebrauch des VERGO zu lesen.

Das VERGO Sicherungsgerät ist ausschließlich zum Klettern bestimmt. Klettern ist eine potenziell au

